the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather,

these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which

Applicant is entitled.

Claims 2, 4-7, 9-14, and 16-21 and amended claims 1, 8, and 15 are in this

application. Claim 3 has been cancelled herein.

The Examiner stated that the title of the invention is not descriptive. In response,

a new title is submitted herein.

Claims 1-3, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as

being anticipated by Gaskins (US 5,606,315). As previously mentioned, claim 3 has been

cancelled herein.

Independent claim 1, as amended herein, recites in part as follows:

"a second storage region having a password associated therewith from which data
can be read and into which data can be written by a data-processing apparatus
only when **(i) a user entered password correlates to the associated password
and (ii) the data-processing apparatus is designed to read from and write to
said second storage region**." (Underlining and bold added for emphasis.)

In explaining the above 102 rejection, the Examiner asserts that Gaskins discloses

a second storage region. More specifically, the Examiner appears to rely on Fig. 1, Reference 20

and col. 4, lines 20-67 of Gaskins to disclose the second storage region. It is respectfully

submitted that such portions of Gaskins as relied upon by the Examiner (hereinafter "Gaskins")

do not disclose the second storage region of amended claim 1. That is, although Gaskins appears

to disclose the use of passwords to protect data, Gaskins does not appear to disclose reading data

from and writing data to a second storage region **only** when "(i) a user entered password

correlates to the associated password **and** (ii) the data-processing apparatus is designed to read

from and write to said second storage region."

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Therefore, independent claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable from Gaskins.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, amended independent claims 8 and 15 are believed to be distinguishable from Gaskins.

Claims 2, 11, 14, 18, and 21 are dependent from one of claims 1, 8, and 15, and, due to such dependency, are also believed to be distinguishable from Gaskins.

Claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gaskins (US 5,606,315).

Claims 4-6 are dependent from claim 1, and, due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from Gaskins for at least the reasons previously described.

Claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gaskins (US 5,606,315) in view of Estrakhri (US 6,125,435).

Claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20 are dependent from one of claims 8 and 15, and due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from Gaskins for at least the reasons previously described. The Examiner does not appear to rely on Estrakhri to overcome the above-described deficiencies of Gaskins. Therefore, claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20 are believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Gaskins and Estrakhri.
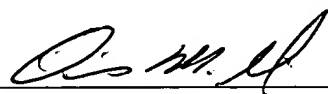
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

It is to be appreciated that the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art represent the present opinions of the Applicant's undersigned attorney and, in the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where, in the reference or references, there is the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 4-21 and the allowance of this application with claims 1, 2, and 4-21 are respectfully requested.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title by rewriting the same as follows:

--MEMORY APPARATUS AND A DATA-PROCESSING APPARATUS[,]

AND METHOD FOR [USING] READING FROM AND WRITING TO THE MEMORY

APPARATUS--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 8, and 15 by rewriting the same as follows:

1. (Twice Amended)   A memory apparatus comprising:

a first storage region from which data can be read and into which data can be

written, in accordance with instructions made by a user: and

a second storage region having a password associated therewith from which data

can be read and into which data can be written [only] by a data-processing apparatus only when

(i) a user entered password correlates to the associated password and (ii) the data-processing

apparatus is designed to read from and write to said second storage region.

8. (Twice Amended)   A data-processing apparatus comprising data

processing means for writing data into, and reading data from, an memory apparatus comprising

a first storage region from which data can be read and into which data can be written, in

accordance with instructions made by a user, and a second storage region having a password

associated therewith from which data can be read and into which data can be written by said

data-processing apparatus only when (i) a user entered password correlates to the associated

password and (ii) the [if said] data-processing apparatus is designed to read from and write to said second storage region,

wherein said data-processing means writes data into, or reads data from, the first storage region when the instructions made by the user are supplied to the memory apparatus to write the data into, or to read from, the memory apparatus

15. (Twice Amended)   A data-processing method characterized in that a memory apparatus comprising a first storage region from which data can be read and into which data can be written, in accordance with instructions made by a user, and a second storage region having a password associated therewith from which data can be read and into which data can be written [only] by a data-processing apparatus only when (i) a user entered password correlates to the associated password and (ii) the data-processing apparatus is designed to read from and write to said second storage region; and data is written into, or read from, the first storage region when the user makes instructions to write data into, or to read the data from, the memory apparatus.